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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Neuruppin airfield between 7 July and 2 August 1952:

7 July. Between 7:15 and 7:55 p.m., four formations of four MiG-15s each took off. Four individual take-offs were made between 8 and 8:15 p.m.

8 July. About noon, there was flying by Po-2s. Night flying was practiced by jet fighters after 8 p.m.

9 July. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., jet fighters were aloft. After 7 p.m., there was night flying by MiG-15s.

16 July. One twin-engine plane, 3 single-engine aircraft and 21 MiG-15 or type-29 planes were counted at the field.

19 July. No flying was observed between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

21 July. Between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., there was intensive flying over the field. Mostly individual take-offs were made and only occasional flights in elements of two.

22 July. Between 7 and 10 a.m., individual take-offs were made.

26 July. At noon, a plane took off heading west.

28 July. At 1:10 p.m., a MiG-15 took off.

29 and 30 July. Individual flights were made by a single-engine plane.

31 July. Between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., there was flying by jet fighters.

1 August. Between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., intensive flying was practiced by MiG-15s which flew individually and in elements of two.

2 August. Several MiG-15s were observed flying between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (1)

2. The telephone line, work on which was previously reported, extended just east of Roofwinkel Estate toward the southeast and crossed the road leading from Altruppin to the southern section of Tholmannsee. From there it continued about half way between the aforementioned road and the Altruppin-Herzberg railroad line into a recently cut clearing about 500 meters north of the railroad line into Bolkow Forest. From there the line extended toward the southeast. (2)

3. The following observations were made at the field between 16 and 27 July:

16 July. Aircraft counted at the field included 20 MiG-15s, 2 type-29 planes, 3 Yak-11s, 2 Po-2s and 1 twin-engine plane.

17 July. A twin-engine plane towing a sleeve target flew at altitudes between 5,000 and 6,000 meters. Swept-back jet fighters flew 1,000 to 2,000 meters above

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the target before attacking it from the right rear both from above and below. No attacks were made from the left or in front. The attacking MIG-15s flew in elements of two and in formations of four and eight. They were not fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

18 July. The same attacks were made as on 17 July. During the night six MIG-15 or type-29 planes practiced formation flying. They landed without switching their landing lights on.

20 July. There was no flying.

21 July. There was air activity.

22 July. In the late morning, a formation of 6 MIG-15s took off and, about 10 minutes later, another formation of 8 MIG-15s took off. The planes of both formations flew without auxiliary fuel tanks. They assembled and practiced formation flying. After the landings, this exercise was repeated and continued up to 4 p.m. After 1 p.m., the planes flew with auxiliary fuel tanks.

23 July. About 11 a.m., the twin-engine plane took off and apparently did not return to the field. During the night, three Yak-11s made individual local flights. During the landings, the aircraft landing lights were not switched on.

25 and 26 July. Formation flying by swept-back jet fighters was performed.

27 July. There was no flying. (1)

4. Between 10 and 10:30 a.m., a train loaded with 52 new trucks was shunted to the spur track of the field and unloaded there. The escorting personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

5. [redacted] Villa Thiele [redacted] 25X1
was not occupied by families but by the headquarters of the air force female personnel. (4)

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- (1) These observations confirm that there is intensive air training activity by the fighter regiment stationed at the field. During daytime, formation flying and simulated attacks on target tow planes are practiced. It appears that the individual pilot groups have reached a different status of training, some groups practicing formation flying with up to eight planes while other still practiced individual flying.
- (2) Construction work is being done on an overhead line which extends from the northeast corner of the field toward the northeast, west of the Panzer Kaserno, across the Rhin River south of the Altruppin sluice, through the municipal forest north of Altruppin as far as to a point east of Roofwinkel Estate from where it turns to the south. It is unknown where this line is to terminate.
- (3) From available information it is known that six AA guns are emplaced in the southeastern section of Neuruppin airfield. It is possible that the reported vehicles are assigned to the AAA unit. This, however, would indicate the presence of a larger number of AA guns than mentioned above.
- (4) Villa Thiele is occupied by the female engineers of the Wittstock Kech office who arrived in Neuruppin in mid-June. [redacted] 25X1

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